



SOCIETY FOR  
NATURAL  
SCIENCES

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 JULY 2021**

Charity number 1181964

## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

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## **SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

### **CHARITY INFORMATION**

Charity name: Society for Natural Sciences

Charity number: 1181964

### **TRUSTEES**

The trustees during the year were:

Professor Derek Jeffrey Raine MBE

Roddy Vann

Geraint Mark Howard Thomas

Ruth Jones

CEO

Treasurer

(Appointed 24 May 2021)

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## **SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Charity information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Society for Natural Sciences is a registered charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution dated 11 February 2019.

##### **Trustees**

At the first annual general meeting of the members of the CIO all the charity trustees shall retire from office. At every subsequent annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting. The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The objects of the CIO are to advance interdisciplinary science and education in interdisciplinary science for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively by:

- establishing, upholding and advancing high standards of qualification, competence and conduct of those who are teaching, studying or practising interdisciplinary science;
- acting in an advisory, consultative or representative capacity in matters relating to interdisciplinary science; and
- promoting knowledge and understanding of topics of interdisciplinary science.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE**

##### **CPD for academic members**

The Interdisciplinary Science Pedagogic Research and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (PedR/SoTL) group continues to operate online using the Society's Zoom account. We have again run two linked workshops on an Introduction to Pedagogic Research through Advance HE Connect.

We have agreed to sponsor a session at the STEM-Horizons National Meeting (<https://ukstemconference.com>), June 2022. These interactions are beneficial to development of curricular in HE Science and to wider society through the improved training of science undergraduates

**Society Web Site:** The web site has been set up to provide information about Natural Sciences and to accept membership applications. It has subsequently been expanded to allow members to present a searchable public profile to underpin networking opportunities. It has been further developed to host recordings of seminars and outreach presentations. We have set up a LinkedIn group for the Society.

**Newsletters:** Two Newsletters have been sent (summer and new year). These are of benefit to members in supporting networking and dissemination of information.

**Student Conference 2021** A national 2-day meeting for undergraduate students of Natural Sciences hosted online by the University of York.

This provides training and networking opportunities for undergraduate students.

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### TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE (continued)

##### Outreach

Talks to Schools: Six on-line outreach sessions in 2020-2021 were delivered through Channel Talent to high school pupils and teachers and individuals.

These activities are of direct public benefit in disseminating educational opportunities for students in science.

**Accreditation:** The accreditation process has been finalised for roll out in 2021-22. This will involve 13 applicant Universities.

Accreditation to verify and maintain degree standards is a central part of the Society's social benefit.

##### Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Note: In view of the impact of the pandemic in restricting what the Society could offer to students in 2020-21, student membership was offered at no charge (instead of the usual £5 pa).

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their powers or duties.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year income of £6,563 (2020: £10,821) was received and payments were made of £5,187 (2020: £1,583) resulting in a surplus of £10,614 (2020: £9,238). This will aid the charity moving forward to delivery its aims and objectives.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The charity's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet its own expected future obligations.

The charity's free reserves at 31 July 2021 amount to £10,614 (2020: £9,238).

Approved by the trustees on 22 May 2022



*Derick J Raine*  
Signed on 23/05/22 @ 12:23

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D J Raine - CEO

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2021 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



*N P Clemit*

Countersigned on 23/05/22 @ 17:17

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22 May 2022

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

		1 August 2020 - 31 July 2021 £	11 February 2019 - 31 July 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Staff subscriptions		566	429
Student subscriptions		19	34
University subscriptions		5,978	10,348
Miscellaneous income		-	10
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<b>Total receipts</b>		6,563	10,821
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Charitable activities	3	3,102	1,583
Assets purchased	4	2,085	-
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<b>Total payments</b>		5,187	1,583
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Increase in Bank		1,376	9,238
Balance at 1 August 2020		9,238	-
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<b>Balance at 31 July 2021</b>		10,614	9,238
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2021**

	31 July 2021 £	31 July 2020 £
<b>Assets held for charity's use</b>		
Website	1,390	-
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Total intangible fixed assets	1,390	-
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<b>Debtors</b>	2,245	-
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<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Bank accounts - Co-Operative account	10,614	9,238
- PayPal account	-	-
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Total bank	10,614	9,238
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<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals - Independent examiner's fee	494	480
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 22 May 2022



*Roddy Vann*  
Signed on 28/05/22 @ 12:40

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R Vann - Treasurer



**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

**2. INFORMATION REGARDING TRUSTEES**

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustee received any reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year.

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2021 £	2020 £
Website expenses	-	200
Launch event expenses	-	297
Publicity expenses	-	1,086
Webinar expenses	1,872	-
Independent examination fee	480	-
Membership fee	750	-
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	3,102	1,583
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**4. ASSETS PURCHASED**

	2021 £	2020 £
Website	2,085	-
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	2,085	-
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